

Cabrillo National Monument

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## **High Fire Danger Closure of Cabrillo National Monument Extended**

San Diego, California – Cabrillo National Monument, *San Diego's National Park*, will remain closed through Thursday, October 25, 2007 due to continued extreme fire danger. Strong Santa Ana wind conditions were forecast through today at 3:00 PM. However, continued high temperatures and low relative humidity have caused hazardous conditions and increased likelihood of a wildland fire to continue. "Our first priority continues to be ensuring the safety of the public," said Tom Workman, superintendent of Cabrillo National Monument. "The risk of someone being trapped by a wildland fire or accidentally starting one during this exceptionally dangerous weather is too high, and has forced us to act with caution."

The National Weather Service originally issued a Red Flag Warning on Sunday through Tuesday, October 22m 2007 at 3:00 PM due to a combination of strong winds, low relative humidity and warm temperatures, which can create explosive wildland fire spread potential. However, on Monday the Red Flag Warning was extended through 3:00 PM on Wednesday, October 24, 2007

The closure includes all parking lots, trailheads and trails. The Old Point Loma Lighthouse, Assistant Keepers Quarters, Army radio station, visitor center, tidepools, Bayside Trail and all buildings. Law enforcement personnel will be working extended hours patrolling Cabrillo National Monument. For more information on the park closure, please see the park's website <a href="http://www.nps.gov/cabr/">http://www.nps.gov/cabr/</a> or tune in to Cabrillo National Monument's Travelers Information Station on 890 AM radio.

Cabrillo National Monument, located on Point Loma at the south end of Catalina Boulevard, is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Public Transportation (#28 Bus) is available from the Old Town Transit Center to both Naval Base Point Loma and Cabrillo National Monument, and visitors are encouraged to help reduce traffic congestion and emissions which contribute to global climate change by taking public transportation. For additional information call 619-557-5450, extension 0 or TTY 619-222-8211, or visit our web site at http://www.nps.gov/cabr/.

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